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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EAID
SUBJECT: IDA VOTE
FROM ENDERS
1. A WHIP COUNT TODAY OF CONGRESSMEN FAVORING IDA SHOWS 148 HARD AND 14 LEANING. THE LEADERSHIP ESTIMATES THAT 195 WILL BE NEEDED TO WIN. 166 ARE POLLED AS UNDECIDED. THUS ON THIS COUNT ALL THE BASIC VOTE PLUS THE LEANING PLUS 1/5 OF THE UNDECIDED WILL BE REQUIRED TO WIN. ON THE OTHER HAND, 195 MAJORITY REQUIREMENT SEEMS HIGH.
2. LEADERSHIP ON BOTH SIDES (REUSS AND O"NEILL) IS SKITTISH, AND SEEKING OUR GUIDANCE. ODDS ARE SKEWED IN FAVOR OF A VOTE BEFORE THE JULY 4 RECESS, SINCE IT APPEARS UNLIKELY THAT CONGRESSMEN WILL LEARN ANYTHING FROM CONSTITUENTS IN THE NEXT WEEK TODISPOSE THEM MORE IN FAVOR OF IDA. ONLY YOUR FURTHER PERSONAL INTERVENTION IN HOUSE WOULD BE LIKELY TO CHANGE THOSE ODDS VERY MUCH.

3. THUS WE ARE RESPONDING TO THE LEADERSHIP THAT THEY
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SHOULD GO AHEAD IF THEY THINK THEY HAVE A SIGNIFICANT

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CHANCE TO WIN (SAY 75/25) BUT IF IT LOOKS LIKE AN
EVEN TOSS, WE RECOMMEND THAT THEY HOLD OFF. FAIL SAFE
MEETING IS TOMORROW AT 1100.

4. ACTING SECRETARY APPROVES THIS POSITION IN SUBSTANCE
SIMON AGREES. SISCO

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